

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

**1. (original)** A structural automotive door body, comprising:

an inner sheet metal layer, the inner sheet metal layer including a latch mounting surface and at least one hinge mounting surface;

an outer sheet metal layer; and

a structural reinforcement member disposed between the inner and outer sheet metal layers to reinforce the inner and outer sheet metal layers and providing at least one hinge reinforcement and a latch reinforcement.

**2. (original)** A structural automotive door body according to claim 1, wherein said structural reinforcement member includes a side impact beam.

**3. (currently amended)** A structural automotive door body according to claim [1 or claim] 2, wherein said inner sheet metal layer presents a substantially U-shaped structure and said structural reinforcement member includes a top member that abuts the outer panel and extends thereacross adjacent the open portion of said U-shaped structure.

**4. (currently amended)** A structural automotive door body according to [any of claims 1-3] claim 3, wherein said structural reinforcement member includes a bottom cross-member that abuts and supports the inner and outer sheet metal layers.

**5. (currently amended)** A structural automotive door body according to [any of claims 1-4] claim 4, wherein said structural reinforcement member is welded to said inner sheet metal layer.

**6. (original)** A structural automotive door body according to claim 5, wherein said outer sheet metal layer is hemmed to said inner sheet metal layer.

**7. (original)** A structural automotive door body according to claim 1, wherein said structural reinforcement member consists essentially of top, middle and bottom cross-members and continuous side peripheries, said top member reinforcing said outer panel, said middle cross member extending between said side peripheries to function as a side impact beam, said bottom cross-member abutting and reinforcing said inner and outer sheet metal layers; and wherein said side peripheries include at least one hinge reinforcement and a latch reinforcement.

**8. (original)** A structural automotive door body, comprising:

an inner sheet metal layer defining a substantially U-shaped structure;

an outer sheet metal layer;

at least one of the inner and outer sheet metal layers including a latch mounting surface and at least one hinge mounting surface;

a structural reinforcement member disposed between the inner and outer sheet metal layers, said member comprising top, middle and bottom cross-members and contiguous side peripheries, wherein:

said top member abuts and extends across said outer sheet metal layer adjacent the open, top portion of said U-shaped structure;

said middle cross member extends between said side peripheries to function as a side impact beam;

said bottom cross-member abuts and supports said inner and outer sheet metal layers; and  
said side peripheries include at least one hinge reinforcement and a latch reinforcement.

**9. (original)** A door reinforcement member for disposition between inner and outer sheet metal layers of an automotive door, said reinforcement member comprising top, middle and bottom cross-members and contiguous side peripheries, wherein:

said top member reinforces said outer panel;

said middle cross member extends between said peripheries to function as a side impact beam;

said bottom cross-member abuts and supports said inner and outer sheet metal layers; and  
said side peripheries include at least one hinge reinforcement and a latch reinforcement.

**10. (original)** A door assembly, comprising:

an inner sheet metal layer defining a substantially U-shaped structure, the inner sheet metal layer including a latch mounting surface and at least one hinge mounting surface;

an outer, substantially planar, sheet metal layer;

a structural reinforcement member disposed between the inner and outer sheet metal layers for reinforcing the inner and outer sheet metal layers and providing at least one hinge reinforcement and a latch reinforcement;

a carrier assembly, including a belt-line loading member connected to a non-structural

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hardware carrier having at least a window regulator mounted thereon, said carrier assembly being mounted to at least the structural reinforcement member and covering the U-shaped area; and

a trim component for covering said carrier assembly.

**11. (currently amended)** A door assembly according to claim [9] 10, wherein said hardware carrier includes a secondary trim component which provides a shelf structure for a map pocket and said trim component includes a wall for said map pocket.

**12. (currently amended)** A door assembly according to claim [9 or] 10, wherein said window regulator includes at least one rail having one end mounted to said belt-line loading member and means for adjusting the lateral and vertical position of the other end of said at least one rail.